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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 24, 1998

APPLICATION OF

CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC960125

For tariff revisions pursuant to  
Paragraph 8A of the Alternative  
Regulatory Plan for Central  
Telephone Company of Virginia  
and Central Telephone Company of Virginia

ORDER REINSTATING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  
AND PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL NOTICE

On September 10, 1996, Central Telephone Company of Virginia ("Centel" or "the Company") filed revisions to its general subscriber services tariff with the Commission's Division of Communications. Centel sought the changes pursuant to Paragraph 8A of its alternative regulatory plan.

By letter dated April 4, 1997, Centel requested that the procedural schedule in this matter be suspended in order for it to make revisions to its filing. In response, the Commission entered an order on April 11, 1997, suspending the procedural schedule until further order. By letter dated October 31, 1997, and filed with the Commission on November 3, 1997, Centel advised the Commission that it wished to withdraw its application and refile its proposed tariffs in the future. Accordingly, the

Commission entered an order on November 21, 1997 permitting Centel to withdraw its application.

Centel refiled its application with revised tariffs on December 30, 1997, and subsequently submitted additional tariff revisions on March 12, 1998, and March 19, 1998. In this application, the revenue restructuring involves Centel's Custom Calling and Custom Calling II features and packages. Centel proposes to raise the monthly rates for some features and lower them for other features. Centel also seeks to eliminate the current discounting structure for customers purchasing multiple features. To offset any increase in revenues, Centel proposes to reduce zone mileage<sup>1</sup> charges by approximately 28 percent. Centel's current application states that the Company will realize a net decrease in operating revenue of \$78,161 in the first year and \$1,465 in the second year.

The Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be reinstated on its docket of active cases; that Centel should provide notice via bill inserts to its customers of its new proposed rate restructuring, that the Commission Staff should submit a report, and that the proposed tariff revisions should be suspended. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter shall be reinstated on the Commission's docket of active cases.

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<sup>1</sup> The initial September 10, 1996 filing proposed a reduction in the Service Ordering Charge to offset any increase in revenues.

(2) On or before May 14, 1998, Centel shall provide the following notice via bill inserts to all customers:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY CENTRAL  
TELEPHONE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA TO REVISE  
CERTAIN RATES PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 8A  
OF ITS ALTERNATIVE REGULATORY PLAN  
CASE NO. PUC960125

On December 30, 1997, and revised on March 12, 1998, and March 19, 1998, Central Telephone Company of Virginia ("Centel") filed tariffs with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") proposing to raise rates for certain services, while lowering them for others. Centel's filing revises its previous application filed on September 10, 1996. The details of the earlier proposal were provided to Centel's customers via bill inserts on or about March 14, 1997. The changes as currently proposed are outlined below:

[Centel to insert tariff changes]

Copies of the filing are available for public inspection in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or can be ordered from Centel's attorney, James B. Wright, Central Telephone Company of Virginia, 14111 Capital Boulevard, Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587.

Any customer wishing to comment or request a hearing on Centel's proposed rate changes in its current application may do so by filing such comments or request in writing, referring to Case No. PUC960125, with the Clerk of the Commission, Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before June 4, 1998. Any request for hearing should state with specificity why a hearing is necessary. Corporate entities shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure

and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comments or request for hearing on or before the deadline. Individuals may file single copies.

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(3) On or before May 21, 1998, Centel shall file proof of the notice directed above.

(4) If fewer than 20 customers file objections or request a hearing, the Commission may authorize the tariff revisions to take effect on a permanent basis without conducting a hearing.

(5) The Commission Staff shall submit a report on this matter on or before June 24, 1998.

(6) The proposed tariff revisions shall be suspended.